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SUBJECT: GREEK AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON GREEK-SOVIET RELATIONS

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1. DURING AN APRIL 28 CALL BY GREEK AMBASSADOR CALOGELAS
ON AMBASSADOR, FORMER NOTED FOLLOWING:

--THE GREEKS WERE IRRITATED OVER CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE
BY SOVIET MARSHAL OGARKOV DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO
TURKEY (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE COME FROM
ATHENS FOR A PROTEST HERE, THE CYPRIOTS HAVE, ON INSTRUCTIONS
OF THEIR GOVERNMENT, PROTESTED BOTH IN
MOSCOW AND IN NICOSIA.

--THE GREEKS, HAVING SUGGESTED A JULY DATE FOR THE MOSCOW
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VISIT OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER, ARE NOW AWAITING THE
SOVIET REPLY. THE VISIT IS ENVISIONED AS A TOUR D'HORIZON
BUT WILL ALSO SERVE TO BRING WORK TO COMPLETION ON FIVE
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN
INITIALED. LISTED WERE CONSULAR, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND
"KNOW-HOW" (PRESUMABLY SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION).
THE FOREIGN MINISTER PLANS TO CALL ON KOSYGIN IN ADDITION

TO CONDUCTING TALKS WITH GROMYKO.

--AN EXCHANGE OF SHIP VISITS IS PLANNED FOR FALL. THE GREEK TO ODESSA IN SEPTEMBER AND THE SOVIETS TO PIRAEUS IN OCTOBER.

2. COMMENT: ON APRIL 10 SOVIET MFA GREECE-CYPRUS DESK OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT DATE HAD NOT YET BEEN SET FOR GREEK FONMIN VISIT.

3. APRIL 28 KZ (MINDEF NEWSPAPER) HAS ROUTINE REPORT ON OGARKOV VISIT AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF "TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, BUT NOT A WORD IS SAID ABOUT REMARKS WHICH HAVE REPORTEDLY UPSET GREEKS. TOON

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